GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:510
ANSWERED ON:28.08.2001
COMPUTER EDUCATION SCHEME IN SCHOOLS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-Eastern Council is taking up Computer Education scheme in schools in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the number of schools in the region which have been benefited from the scheme during the last three years and the expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise;

(c) the criteria adopted for the selection of schools under the scheme;

(d) whether any steps have been initiated by the NEC to prepare a status paper and plan of action on computer education in the North-Eastern Region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.510 FOR 28.08.2001 BY SHRI P.R. KYNI REGARDING `COMPUTER EDUCATION SCHEME IN SCHOOLS IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION`

(a)to(e): Yes, Sir. The North Eastern Council is taking up computer education in the schools of North-Eastern region. The relevant details for the last three years are given below:

State	No. of schools benefited during the last 3 years	Expenditure in Rs. in lakhs
Arunachal Pradesh	17	82.20
Assam	40	173.12
Meghalaya	38	176.15
Manipur	40	172.34
Mizoram	39	162.30
Nagaland	29	136.13
Tripura	30	136.16
Grand Total	233	1038.40

2. The principal criteria for selection of schools are as following:-

(i) It should be either a Government School or Government-aided or Government-recognised school.

(ii) The pass percentage during the preceding 3 years should be 60% or above.

(iii) The school should be able to spare two teachers to be utilised as computer teachers in addition to their existing work load.

(iv) Every teacher so identified, should preferably be a graduate with mathematics or physics or statistics as one of the subjects and preferably below 40 years of age.

(v) The school should have a pucca motorable road for easy access for installation and maintenance of the system and for inspection etc.

(vi) The school should have one room with sufficient space for installation of computer and computer lecture hall for use as computer room. It should have proper electric supply with adequate security system.

(vii) The school should be willing to raise fund for maintenance of computer in future.

3. NEC has constituted an Information Technology Development Group for the North Eastern region under the chairmanship of Secretary, NEC. The State Governments, Representative of Planning Commission, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University, etc. are members of the Group Committee. The first meeting of the Information Technology development Group was held on 17.8.2001.